



## Doctors should speak out on climate change, expert says

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### Abstract:

Doctors and health workers have a duty to draw attention to climate change and try to change people's behaviour to avert disaster, an expert on the issue told a conference in Chicago last week. Anthony McMichael, director of the National Centre of Epidemiology and Population Health at the Australian National University, Canberra, said that doctors had a particular responsibility because they had influence and because the health sector would have to deal with some of the worst effects of climate change.

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### Resource Description

#### Communication: ☒

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

#### Communication Audience: ☒

audience to whom the resource is directed

Health Professional

#### Exposure : ☒

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Unspecified Exposure

#### Geographic Feature: ☒

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

#### Geographic Location: ☒

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

#### Health Impact: ☒

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specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

General Health Impact

## **Medical Community Engagement:**

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

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## **Mitigation/Adaptation:**

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

## **Resource Type:**

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

## **Timescale:**

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified